

Challenges facing Repository Libraries

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Context

- Repositories do not exist in isolation
 - Publishing
 - Digital
 - Pedagogy
- 'Academic world is NOT fixed'. Dempsey/Malpas
- Libraries not the heart of the University Used to be

What are we doing?

- What is our CORE thinking task?
- THINK about things.....
- Collecting and Change
 - What have we collected?
 - What should we collect?

A Geographic experience

- Caval.....The CARM Centre. 1980's
 - 3 Million. Custom-built facility
 - Shared. Integrated. No duplication
 - Institution owned
- URSSA. South Australia. 1980's
 - 1 Million
 - Each Library material housed separately
 - No coordination
- CONZUL
 - Bound serials replaced by digital

Experience updated

- CARM Centre
 - Same but not growing
 - Shared collection steady
- URSSA
 - Likely to be closed down
 - Collection not valued, likely to be disbursed
 - Not finally decided
- CONZUL
 - Bound serials in boxes likely to be discarded

Hong Kong

- JURA
 - Planned by JULAC
 - Robotic
 - De-duplicated
 - Multi-million storage
 - Possible extension to Chinese Universities in Guangdong
- NOT TO PROCEED

Change

- Certainty
 - Living through Uncertainty
 - Planning for growth / Relevance
- Risk
 - In action or inaction
- Obama: Make Change your Friend !

- Universities
 - Changing
 - Research and ‘vocational’
 - Pedagogy
 - Going online
- Research intensive and Service- focused
- Online systems
 - Blackboard
 - Not reliant on Library searching

RISK Issues

- Universities
 - Serious under-funding and political interference
- Publishing
 - Open Access (OA)
- Library / Repositories
 - Duplication
 - Coordination ?
 - Lack of political interest
 - ‘Everything is Digital’;

Risk in times of uncertainty

- If I am wrong
 - Not a problem
- If I am right
 - Re-thinking
 - Questioning, questioning
- McLuhan *My stuff is difficult!*
- Choose the future you want!